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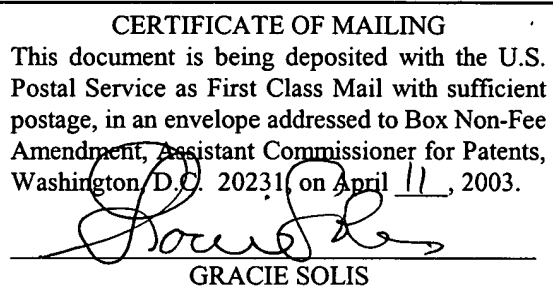
For: CHEMICAL DERIVATIZATION OF
SINGLE WALL CARBON NANOTUBES
TO FACILITATE SOLVATION
THEREOF, AND USE OF DERIVATIZED
NANOTUBES

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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
TO REVISE CLAIM NUMBERING**

Sir:

The present application was filed March 16, 2001 and is a divisional of a nationalized PCT application, United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/787,473 ("the '473 patent application"). A Preliminary Amendment was filed concurrently with the March 16, 2001 filing of the present application. Before filing this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant contacted the USPTO to confirm whether the claims added by the Preliminary Amendment should begin at Claim 19 (the next numbered claim in the '473 patent application, before amendment) or Claim 52 (the next numbered claim in the '473 patent application, after amendment). At such time, Applicant was advised to begin claim numbering at Claim 52.

Recently, Applicant has been contacted by Examiner Stuart Hendrickson of the USPTO in regard to another divisional application of the '473 patent application, namely United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/810,390 ("the '390 patent application"). Examiner Hendrickson requested Applicant resubmit the claims of the present application beginning numbering at Claim 19, rather